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November 16, 2021

TO: Daniel Eichinger, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Forest Resources Land Exchange
Baraga Management Unit – Baraga County
The Keweenaw Land Trust Exchange
Land Transaction Case #20200199

Applicant: Keweenaw Land Trust, Hancock, Michigan

PA 240 of 2018: PILT Estimate: \$900.00
The parcels involved in this exchange are north of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in a decrease of 25 acres of DNR-managed lands.

Private Land Offered in Exchange:

Acreage: 200 acres

Location: Baraga County, Baraga Township, T50N, R34W, Section 11:
The N 1/2 of the SE 1/4, the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4, and the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4.

Value: \$112,000.00

State Land Desired in Exchange:

Acreage: 225 acres

Location: Baraga County, L'Anse Township, T51N, R32W, Section 04:
Parcel 1: The NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4; and
Parcel 2: Government Lot 1 and the North Half of Government Lot 2 (or the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of such Section 4); EXCEPTING the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4) of such Section 4 and ALSO EXCEPTING the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4) of such Section 4.

Baraga County, L'Anse Township, T52N, R32W, Section 33:
Parcel 3: The S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4.

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Baraga County, Arvon Township, T53N, R31W, Section 35:
Parcel 4: All that part of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 lying north of the
centerline of Pointe Abbaye Road.

Value: \$76,700.00

Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) November 30, 2021, calendar and is eligible for approval on December 7, 2021. Public notice of this proposed exchange was also published in the Houghton Mining Gazette and the L'Anse Sentinel on November 10, 2021, and posted on the department's webpage at: www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices.

Comments: The larger block of desired land is not close to any other state-owned land. The land has many unique features. The applicant will be using the property to serve as match for a National Coastal Wetlands Conservation grant through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The land will be protected in perpetuity with these federal encumbrances.

The smaller 17-acre parcel of desired land (Parcel 4) will provide the applicant legal access to land they own and maintain for public recreation and nature resource protection to the north.

The offered land borders other state-owned land and connects two blocks of state-owned land with limited access. The property contains one-half mile of Hazel Creek and one mile of Six Mile Creek frontage, which are designated trout streams. The offered land will provide wildlife habitat, timber management, and public recreation.

As to Parcels 1-3, the state will retain the right for the public to access the property by means of a deed restriction on the property. As to Parcel 4, the state will retain timber rights for three years.

The state will retain mineral rights on the desired land. Mineral rights on the offered property are already owned by the state.

120 acres of the desired lands were acquired by tax reversion in 1940 and 88 acres were gifted to the state in 1979. An additional 17 acres of the desired land were acquired by tax reversion in 1939.

The proposed land exchange was recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on December 17, 2020. A modified version of the exchange where the applicant requested an additional

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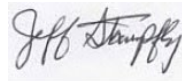
17 acres of state-owned land to be included was approved by the Land Exchange Review Committee on October 21, 2021.

Recommendations:

1. That the exchange be approved, with the state reserving mineral rights and aboriginal antiquities on the desired state-owned land as well as public access rights on listed parcels 1-3, and a 3-year timber reservation on listed parcel 4.
2. That the offered land be dedicated as part of the Baraga Management Unit.



James L. Dexter, Chief
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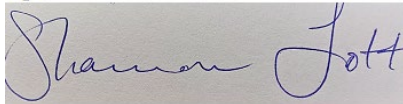
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Natural Resources Deputy



Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

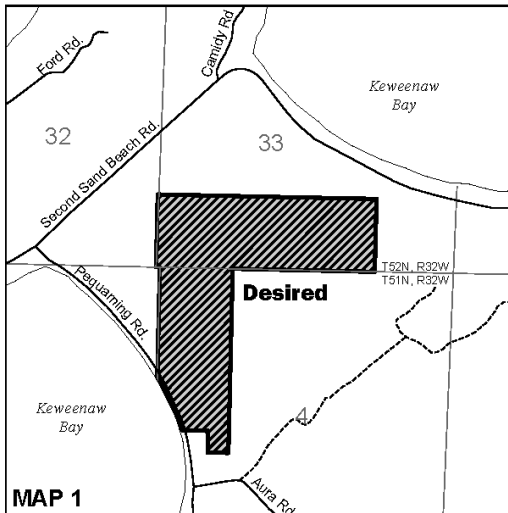
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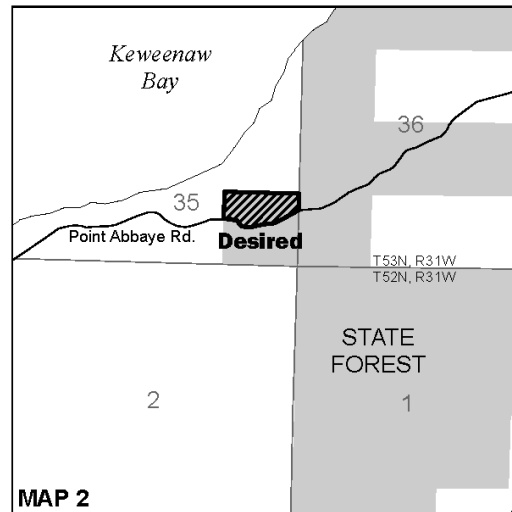
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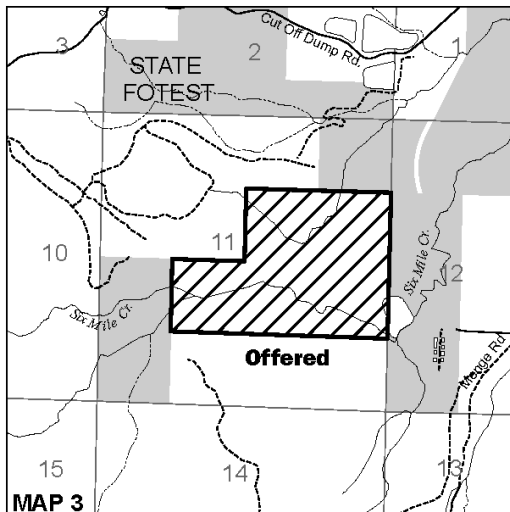
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Section 4, T51N, R32W, L'Anse Township
 Section 33, T52N, R32W, L'Anse Township
 Parcels 1-3

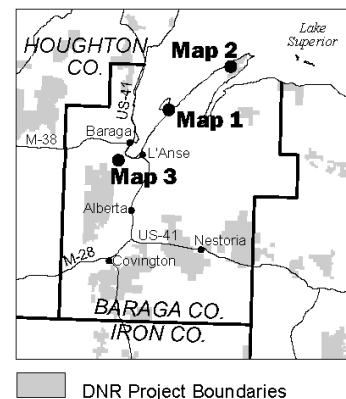
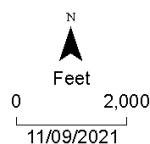


Section 35, T53N, R31W, Arvon Township
 Parcel 4



Section 11, T50N, R34W, Baraga Township

- State land desired from DNR (225 acres)
- Land offered to DNR in exchange (200 acres)
- State land



DNR Project Boundaries